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Submitted herewith is a copy of an Official Search Report of the European Patent Office in counterpart foreign application No. PCT/US 98/05821 filed March 25, 1998. Also submitted herewith is a copy of Canadian Patent Application 2,130,063 which is an English language application that the Official Search Report identifies as a member of the same family of applications as European Patent Application 0 639 452 A1. A copy of Re. 35,646 is submitted herewith and is a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,241,905, also submitted herewith, which is an English language application cited in the Official Search Report as a member of the same family of applications as European Patent Application 0 596 244 A1. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,141,293 is submitted as an English language application that the Official Search Report identifies as a member of the same family of applications as DE 27 18 299 A1.

No English language counterpart application or abstract was available for French Patent Document 640,605 (hereinafter French '605), therefore a concise summary of that document is provided here. The following concise summary is based upon the figures in French '605. French '605 appears to disclose an apparatus having cranks mounted for pivotal movement wherein the cranks are connected by connecting rods and operate to move slide assemblies.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311, but before payment of the issue fee.

Therefore, Applicant submits herewith:

- A. a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e);
- B. the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(i); and
- C. the accompanying petition under 37 CFR §1.97(d).

CERTIFICATION

The person signing below certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1).

PETITION

Applicants hereby petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) that this Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and documents identified therein be considered.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$130.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

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